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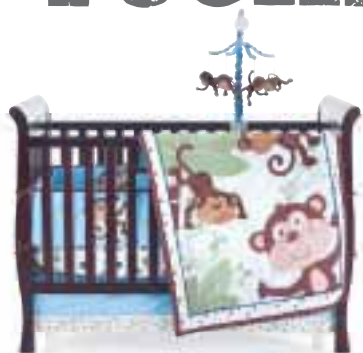
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Luka Rocco Magnotta is shown in a photo from the website luka-magnotta.com. Magnotta is wanted in the shocking case of a dismembered body and severed parts that were mailed to different places, including the headquarters of the Conservative Party of Canada. CONTRIBUTED/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Porn actor sought by cops in grisly body-parts case

Caution: Graphic content.

A man is wanted in connection with a three-step crime: a killing, a dismemberment and a mailing of body parts to Ottawa



JOE LOFARO
 Metro in Ottawa

Police are looking for a low-budget-porn star wanted in a shocking homicide that came to light Tuesday when a severed foot was mailed to Tory party headquarters in Ottawa.

On Wednesday, Montreal police issued a Canada-wide arrest warrant for Luka Rocco Magnotta, 29, believed to originally be from Toronto.

He's connected to the discovery of a human torso in Montreal and mailed body parts found in Ottawa Tuesday.

Before the severed re-

mains were discovered, someone posted a video online, purporting to show a young man being stabbed with an ice pick. While the victim lay naked, the killer then dismembered the corpse and committed sexual and cannibalistic acts on it.

The video is now being reviewed by Montreal police, who are investigating a case that has shocked the country.

Magnotta, who police say also goes by the names Eric Clinton Newman and Vladimir Romanov, is described as white, five-foot-10 and weighing 134 pounds, with blue eyes and black hair.

His multiple identities were confusing enough that police had to issue a second press release Wednesday after originally identifying him as "Rocco Luka."

Police said Magnotta has no criminal record.

Following the grisly discovery at the Conservative Party of Canada's headquarters, police intercepted a package containing a hand on Tuesday evening at Can-

ada Post's main terminal in Ottawa. That package was destined for the Liberal Party of Canada, Montreal police said.

Both packages were mailed to Ottawa from Montreal and police believe the body parts all belonged to the same male victim, though they are waiting for the results of DNA tests.

WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

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- For nearly two years, the name Luka Rocco Magnotta has been notorious among animal-rights activists looking for a man who tortured and killed cats.
- The horrified Conservative party member who opened the box that contained a dismembered foot says she will never forget the foul odour that overcame the office.

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Judge orders end to smoke shop

Lighting a fire.
Canupawakpa First Nation 'flouting the law': Lawyer

A Manitoba judge has ordered a First Nations smoke shop to close its doors, but the store's aboriginal owners appear set to defy the decision.

The Chundee Smoke Shop has repeatedly ignored provincial law and defied authority, Court of Queen's Bench Justice Brenda Keyser ruled.

"The integrity of the law must be upheld, in my view," Keyser said in her decision Wednesday.

"Such a continuing flouting of the law cannot be countenanced."

Chief Frank Brown and other members of the Canupawakpa First Nation opened the store near Pipestone last year. The shop sells cigarettes from Mohawk distributors in Quebec for \$40 a carton. That's less than half the price of a typical carton.

The store is not licensed by the Manitoba government and does not pay provincial tax.

Police have raided the smoke shop five times, seized thousands of cigarettes and laid a total of 66 charges. But each time the store opened the fol-



Members of the Dakota First Nation ride horses through downtown Winnipeg from The Forks to the Law Courts Building, to support chiefs who were in court Wednesday over a provincial injunction to close an unlicensed smoke shop located outside Brandon. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

lowing day and was completely restocked.

"They are flouting the law," government lawyer Denis Guenette told court. "This is something that strikes at a cornerstone of our democracy — the rule of law."

Guenette is seeking a court injunction to permanently close the smoke shop. He asked Keyser for a temporary injunc-

tion to shut down the store until a hearing is held and she agreed.

Canupawakpa members refused to take part in Wednesday's court proceedings. They sat in and spoke from the public gallery and had no lawyer to appear before the judge. They walked out 30 minutes after the hearing began.

"We will follow our own

laws," Brown said before walking out.

"We will not recognize the provincial court until (the government) produces a legal document that proves we are under their jurisdiction."

Unlike most other Manitoba First Nations, Canupawakpa has no treaty status and no reserve. Brown said his members never surrendered legal author-

ity to the federal or provincial governments, so laws cannot be forced upon them.

Provincial government lawyers disagreed.

"Courts have repeatedly rejected that argument," Michael Conner said. "Aboriginal people are subject to the laws of Canada and of the provinces."

The smoke shop is not on a reserve, so it cannot be exempt from sales taxes, Conner added.

The injunction issued Wednesday allows provincial Finance Department officials, along with police, to post notices on the smoke shop's doors to warn the owners and patrons that the business has been ordered to close. The owners can be found in contempt of court if they continue to operate.

If need be, the province can return to court to seek permission for further measures, such as padlocking the building.

Keyser ruled the injunction cannot take effect immediately. First, the province must file a statement saying that if smoke-shop owners win the larger court battle over a permanent injunction, they have the right to seek reimbursement of their legal costs.

The statement is a routine matter in civil proceedings, Guenette said, and is likely to be filed within a few days.

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Sponsor Winnipeg authority handed over to CAO

Winnipeg's CAO can now decide who will get sponsorship deals for exclusive rights to public spaces in the city without input from council.

Councillors approved the changes Wednesday, but only after removing a part of the bylaw amendment that would have meant parks and playgrounds would have been included in deals without the oversight of council.

"People are very concerned about their green spaces being beautiful places to enjoy, and we need to be careful about what we do in them," said Coun. Jenny Gerbasi after the meeting. "At least



Coun. Jenny Gerbasi, centre, was one of several councillors wary of a bylaw amendment passed by council Wednesday. SHANE GIBSON/METRO FILE

there's some political oversight restored when it comes to parks."

Gerbasi was one of several councillors concerned that leaving sponsorship deals

Sponsorship deals

Sponsor Winnipeg was started in 2007 and allows individuals, businesses, corporations, foundations and community groups to sponsor a variety of City of Winnipeg facilities and programs, in return for naming rights and other marketing benefits.

Source: sponsorrowinnipeg.ca

solely in the hands of city administration may lead to transparency issues.

While parks and playgrounds are still on the table for sponsorship deals, Gerbasi said she's glad councillors will have the final say on what is approved.

Coun. Paula Havixbeck, who spoke in favour of the original plan during the meeting, agreed with Gerbasi afterward, telling Metro she's happy council will remove the "red tape" for businesses interested in sponsoring things like skywalks and walkways while keeping oversight for parks and playgrounds.

"It's a win-win," she said.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO



NEWS

On the web

Facebook CEO going through money woes?

It's not just Facebook stocks that are going through some tough times these days. CEO Mark Zuckerberg was caught looking dumbfounded on camera after trying without success to withdraw money from an ATM. Watch the clip online at metronews.ca.

Mobile news



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Happy 25th year. Groundbreaking bill gets party at legislature

Manitoba's groundbreaking anti-discrimination bill has turned 25 years old.

Justice Minister Andrew Swan and the chair of the Manitoba Human Rights Commission, Jeremy Woods, welcomed members of Manitoba's LGBT community to the legislative building on Wednesday to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the passing of the Manitoba Human Rights Code.

On July 15, 1987, the NDP government voted on and passed the Human Rights Code (Bill B-47). It was the first legal document in Manitoba to forbid discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Swan said it was huge fight to get the bill passed in 1987, because of ignorance towards the LGBT community.

"Back then, the gay and lesbian community were strong on wanting protections that now seem automatic," said Swan. "There was bitter opposition from the Progressive Conserva-

Pride Parade

Winnipeg's first Pride Parade in 1987 was held in direct reaction to the passing of the Human Rights Code.

tive party to extending these basic rights.

"I'd like to think at the time it was ignorance rather than hatred."

Ray Desautels works as an openly gay school teacher and said that without the Human Rights Code, he would not have kept his job unless he kept his homosexuality a secret.

"I was a teacher," said Desautels. "I would have got fired back then for coming out. Now I talk about it openly. It's fantastic."

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Abduction. Photos released of Mexican home where kids were allegedly kept

The Mexican missing-persons organization that helped Interpol track down two abducted Winnipeg siblings has released photos allegedly showing the home where the children were confined.

Dominic and Abby Maryk, now 11 and 9 years old, were abducted in 2008 from Winnipeg and from their mother, Emily Cablek.

Last Friday, following a tip by a neighbour, Interpol agents in Mexico retrieved the children, who are now with their mother. Their father, Kevin Maryk, was arrested on a charge of child abduction. Authorities are now trying to extradite Maryk, 40, and Robert Neil Groen, 41, from

Mexico on child-abduction charges. Police have also issued a Canada-wide warrant for Cody John McKay, 23, who is alleged to have helped in the abduction.

On its Facebook page, Fundacion FIND (FIND Foundation) posted nearly 20 photos of a two-storey house located on Jardines de las Fuentes street in the Zapopan community of Guadalajara under the headline "Another success of FIND Foundation."

Police allege Maryk kept the kids inside the home during the day, forbidding them from going to school, playing with other kids or seeing a physician.

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Photos of a two-storey house located in the Zapopan community of Guadalajara where Dominic, 11, and Abby Maryk, 9, lived. METRO/FACEBOOK/FIND FOUNDATION

Evacuation

Tenants make it out of downtown apartment fire

Tenants of an Edmonton Street apartment block had to be evacuated after a fire in a top-floor suite Wednesday spread to a crawl space underneath the building's roof.

A resident of the building at 52 Edmonton St. told Metro the fire broke out around noon, and as many as 12 fire trucks rushed to the scene to contain the fire.

Parts of Edmonton Street and Broadway were closed to traffic for part of the afternoon. No one was injured, but residents of all 30 suites in the four-storey building had to be evacuated.

Fire officials were doubtful the tenants would be allowed back into the building by the end of the day.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Crime

Thompson RCMP investigating homicide

RCMP in Thompson are investigating a homicide after finding an injured 42-year-old

man who later succumbed to his injuries.

Police were called to a residence in the Eastwood area of Thompson on May 30 at 12:30 a.m. where the victim was found.

While RCMP did make an arrest, no charges have yet been laid. The name of the deceased is not being released at the time, added police.

An autopsy is scheduled for Winnipeg, details of which are still being worked out. The RCMP Thompson detachment, major-crime services and forensic-identification section continue to investigate. METRO

Pest control

First aerial gypsy moth application at park a success

After weather-related delays and postponements, the first aerial application for the gypsy moth control program was completed Wednesday morning, said the City of Winnipeg. The treatment, using a small, low-flying airplane, was applied in portions to the Minnetonka and Pulberry neighbourhoods including St. Vital Park, called Insect Management Area (IMA) 14. METRO

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Whistleblower case

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Israel's attorney general has announced the indictment of a journalist who reported on classified documents provided by a military whistleblower. Officials said Uri Blau, a reporter for the Haaretz daily, is charged with unauthorized possession of state secrets. The maximum sentence is seven years. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Villagers killed

UN council to meet on Syria massacre

A UN body will hold a special session Friday on the deteriorating situation in Syria and last week's massacre of more than 100 Syrian villagers.

The UN Human Rights Council said Wednesday its special session will address the massacre in Houla, Syria, which drew

international condemnation and prompted the U.S. and at least a dozen other nations to expel Syrian diplomats.

The massacre has provoked strong global condemnation, but it is unlikely to trigger a military assault similar to last year's NATO-led campaign in Libya to oust Moammar Gadhafi.

A total of 51 nations — including France, Germany, Britain, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates — signed their support for the session. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Killing of 18 protesters

Egyptian cop gets five years

A court has convicted a policeman on charges of killing protesters during last year's uprising and sentenced him to five years in prison.

Mohammed el-Sunni was charged with taking part in the killing of 18 protesters in Cairo during the uprising that toppled dictator Hosni Mubarak.

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Italy to rebuild area hit by second deadly quake



A woman rides her bike amid debris in Cavezzo, northern Italy, Wednesday. A quake struck the same area on May 20. **LUCA BRUNO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Emilia Romagna region. Towns of Mirandola, Medolla and Cavezzo closest to epicentre

Italian rescue workers removed the last earthquake victim from the rubble Wednesday, bringing the death toll to 17 as the government approved measures to rebuild the quake-hit area.

It's an area that is very crucial to Italy's economic health.

The magnitude-5.8 tremor north of Bologna on Tuesday felled old buildings and new factories and warehouses alike, many of them already weakened by a stronger quake May 20 that measured magnitude-6 and killed seven people.

In both quakes, the dead were disproportionately workers toiling in factories, leading to some questions about Italy's building codes or possible corruption.

"I remember with sorrow the deaths in Emilia, who died while working, mostly workers but also entrepreneurs," said Interior Minister Anna Maria Cancellieri.

Prime Minister Mario Monti has promised the government will do whatever is necessary to rebuild the region.

Ferraris and Parmesan

The quake-stricken area encompassing the northern cities of Modena, Mantua and Bologna is prized for its super car production, churning out Ferraris, Maseratis and Lamborghinis; its world-famous Parmesan cheese; and less well-known but critical to the economy — its machinery companies.

- Counsellors were on hand to help rattled residents who have lived through two terrifying quakes in two weeks in an area not quake-prone.

On Wednesday, the government approved measures, including raising the price of gas by .02 cents US a litre, to begin the reconstruction of homes, businesses and historic structures, including many churches, in the stricken area.

Crews on Wednesday pulled the last body from the rubble of a factory in the town of Medolla.

Three others also died in the structure. Civil Protection authorities in Rome say no one else is missing. The quake also injured 350.

Many people spent the night in tent camps.

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Japanese produce first phone to monitor radiation

Technology. Softbank president says he was responding to concerns sent to the company after meltdowns at the Fukushima power plant

Worries over radiation are so rampant in Japan after last year's nuclear meltdowns that the world's first cellphones with built-in radiation monitors are going on sale.

Softbank Corp., the carrier for the hit iPhone and iPad in Japan, says the Pantone 5 mobile device, which shows the microsieverts-per-hour number on a display at a push of a button, will go on sale in July. Pricing was not announced.

The tsunami last March in northeastern Japan set off meltdowns and explo-



The Pantone 5 mobile device.
SHIZUO KAMBAYASHI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

sions at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant.

Areas near the plant are a no-go zone. But "hot spots" have popped up in many places, including Tokyo. Many Japanese are worried, especially families with children.

Softbank president Ma-

sayoshi Son publicly opposes nuclear power after the disaster, and is an aggressive proponent of solar and other renewable energy. He said he was responding to concerns sent into the company, including requests on Twitter.

The device by Japanese electronics maker Sharp Corp. works like a dosimeter. It measures the radiation in one's surroundings, such as on the ground or in the air, in two minutes. It does not measure radiation in food or water.

People in parts of Fukushima are still being exposed to radiation higher than the one millisievert a year set as safe by Japan before the disaster. Studies have found that cancer risks rise at an annual exposure of 100 millsieverts or above.

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Gruesome package horrifies PM's aide

A grisly find. Tory staffer Jenni Byrne accepts a mystery delivery, opens it ... and unveils an incredible crime

It was a moment Jenni Byrne will never forget.

One of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's most senior staffers, she was handed a suspicious-looking package when it arrived at Conservative party headquarters just blocks from Parliament Hill.

Byrne warily examined the bloodstained box.

She opened it — and a foul, “horrible” odour escaped and overcame the office.

Inside was a human foot. And so began one of the most disturbing police investigations ever.

For after that shock for Byrne on Tuesday, Ottawa police, in a nightlong investigation, found a hand at a Canada Post mail facility in

the east end of the city.

“I’m fine,” Byrne — the national campaign manager for the 2011 general election — said Wednesday as new details emerged about a crime that has horrified the capital.

Police said both packages were mailed from Montreal.

There, police had been grappling with a grisly find of their own — a human torso found stuffed into a suitcase.

They named a suspect in the case Wednesday afternoon.

On Parliament Hill, rattled political staffers were keeping a close eye on the mail.

“Our sympathies go out to the staff at the Conservative offices who opened the package,” said New Democrat MP Randall Garrison.

“Our thoughts are also with Canada Post employees who had to deal with the second package containing human remains.

“They were both victims of an outrageous and reprehensible act.”

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Top Conservative party staffer Jenni Byrne, pictured Wednesday, opened a package that contained a human foot. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alleged kitten killings. Facebook group named a Luka Rocco Magnotta

Long before a Canada-wide arrest warrant was issued for Luka Rocco Magnotta, a Facebook group lobbied to have a man by the same name arrested for allegedly killing kittens.

The group was created in response to a video that allegedly shows a kitten being killed in a vacuum-sealed bag.

Luka Rocco Magnotta is the name of a porn star wanted in the body-parts homicide.

On luka-magnotta.com, an article says Magnotta has been the victim of untrue allegations. “Many hoax websites are created using my image

and name,” the posting says.

The posting adds: “People need not be told, not to believe what they read and to take it as fact.”

A member of the kitten group posted a statement on the Facebook page on Wednesday after learning about the human remains found in Ottawa and Montreal.

“Members of this group have spent over a year searching for this individual, who we believe is also responsible for several videos where animals were killed,” the statement read.

JOE LOFARO/METRO IN OTTAWA

Poop, pentagrams

MPs' mail has the stamp of hate

From poop to hate mail, MPs get alarming items delivered to their offices.

“I think human waste ... a few years ago when I was in opposition,” Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said Wednesday when asked about his weirdest piece of mail.

“I remember we also got some weird, kooky craft-art thing with anti-Christ im-

ages and pentagrams.”

Liberal MP Denis Coderre said he received feces in the mail. He also was sent flour, “to try to make me think it was some other substance.”

People who work on Parliament Hill say vicious hate mail is not unusual — particularly during emotional debates such as the one on legislation to legalize same-sex marriage several years ago.

Long diatribes from individuals who are perhaps not entirely stable are also frequently received.

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B.C. Man suspected in double murder killed in police shootout

An armed man suspected in a double murder and an attempted murder in Burnaby, B.C., has been killed in a shootout with police.

RCMP caught up with 26-year-old Angus David Mitchell in Maple Ridge, B.C., on Wednesday, about three hours after issuing a public warning about him.

Supt. Dave Walsh said Mitchell was shot in a confrontation with emergency-response team officers in a rural area.

Police were called after reports that someone had seen a van believed to be owned by Mitchell.

RCMP said he was a suspect in the deaths of a man and woman who'd been gunned down in a restaurant on Sunday and in the shooting and wounding of his former landlord on Tuesday.

Police said Mitchell had been evicted from his home six months ago, around the time he came to legally possess a hunting rifle.

Sgt. Jennifer Pound of the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team couldn't say if there was a relationship between



Angus David Mitchell
CONTRIBUTOR/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mitchell and the two people who were gunned down in the restaurant. Pound said there are several factors that appear to link the two crimes, including a similar weapon, but forensics experts need to confirm that.

Insp. Tim Shields said Mitchell wasn't known to police, although officers had once been called to a complaint involving him. Mitchell also had some conflict with former employers and co-workers, and Shields said police warned them Wednesday morning to be on the lookout for the armed and unstable man. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Drawing on a sense of humour

Jim Unger, the artist behind the syndicated cartoon strip Herman, has died at 75. Friend and fellow cartoonist Adrian Raeside says Unger had been feeling unwell for some time and died in his sleep at his home in Saanich, B.C. Born in London, England, Unger immigrated in 1968 to Canada, where his cartooning career began at the Mississauga Times in Mississauga, Ont. Herman became a syndicated cartoon in 1974, eventually appearing in newspapers around the world. Unger twice won the National Cartoonist Society's award for best syndicated panel. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Downpour

Artworks damaged in Montreal storm

Hundreds of works of rare art have been damaged at Montreal's museum of contemporary art by heavy rains that flooded buildings and overwhelmed the city's aging infrastructure on Tuesday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Departure

Calgary Tory MP steps down

Calgary MP Lee Richardson, whose political connections to Ottawa extend back four decades, is quitting the House of Commons to work as Alberta Premier Alison Redford's primary secretary. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Discussions

Quebec tuition proposal rejected

An offer to cut Quebec's proposed tuition fee increase by \$35 was dismissed unanimously in talks Tuesday night, said two of the heads of student groups involved in the talks. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Pope says he's saddened, grateful amid scandal

Leak. Comments come after papal documents were discovered in butler's apartment

Pope Benedict XVI broke his silence Wednesday over the leaked-documents scandal that has convulsed the Vatican, saying he was saddened by the betrayal but grateful to those aides who work

faithfully and in silence to help him do his job.

Benedict made his first direct comments on the scandal in off-the-cuff remarks at the end of his weekly general audience. He lashed out at some of the media reports about the scandal, saying the "exaggerated" and "gratuitous" rumours had offered a false image of the Holy See.

The Italian media have been in a frenzy ever since

Difficult to explain

- **The motivations for the leaks remain unclear.** Some commentators say they appear designed to discredit Benedict's No. 2, the Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone. Others say

they're aimed at undermining the Vatican's efforts to become more financially transparent. Still, others say they aim to show the 85-year-old Benedict's weakness in running the church.

the Pope's butler, Paolo Gabriele, was arrested last week after Vatican investigators

discovered papal documents in his apartment.

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Pope Benedict XVI gives his blessing Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WikiLeaks. Assange loses extradition case

Britain's Supreme Court has endorsed the extradition of WikiLeaks chief Julian Assange to Sweden, an important turning point in the Internet activist's controversial career.

Assange, 40, has spent the better part of two years fighting attempts to send him to the Scandinavian nation, where he is accused of sex crimes. The U.K. end of that struggle appeared to come to a messy conclusion Wednesday, with the nation's highest court ruling 5 to 2 that the warrant seeking his arrest was properly issued — and Assange's lawyer arguing that the case should be reopened.

Supreme Court president Nicholas Phillips, speaking for the majority, acknowledged that Assange's case "has not been simple to resolve," but that the court had concluded that "the request for Mr. Assange's extradition has been lawfully made and his appeal against extradition is accordingly dismissed."

Assange won't be extradited immediately no matter what happens. His lawyer, Dinah Rose, stood up after the verdict to say that the decision was based on evidence that was not



Julian Assange THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

argued during the appeal and requested time to study the verdict further with an eye toward trying to reopen the case.

Phillips said he would give Rose two weeks to make her move.

Even if the Supreme Court refuses to reopen the case, Assange could appeal to the European Court of Human Rights, although extradition experts have said that route isn't likely to block his removal to Sweden in the long run.

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Internet freedom

Thai webmaster sentenced over royal insults

A court sentenced a Thai webmaster Wednesday to an eight-month suspended sentence for not moving

quickly enough to delete online comments deemed insulting to the country's royalty in a case widely seen as a test of freedom of expression in Thailand.

While the ruling showed leniency, it also sent the message that Internet content must be self-censored.

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Taylor handed 50 years in prison

Court ruling.

Amputees in Sierra Leone rejoice at ex-warlord's sentencing

Amputees still struggling to lead normal lives years after being mutilated by rebels in Sierra Leone hailed the decision at The Hague on Wednesday to sentence the man who backed those rebels, ex-Liberian president Charles Taylor, to 50 years in prison.

In a landmark ruling by the Special Court on Sierra Leone last month, Taylor became the first former head of state since the aftermath of World War II to be convicted. The 64-year-old Taylor was found guilty on 11 counts of aiding and abetting the Revolutionary United Front rebels in Sierra Leone, who murdered and mutilated tens of thousands of people during this country's 11-year brutal civil war which ended in 2002.

People maimed in the war gathered in the Sierra Leonean capital Wednesday to watch the proceedings of the Taylor trial via a live feed from The Hague, and rejoiced when judges in The Netherlands announced the 50-year sentence.

"That makes me the happiest person on Earth," said Alimami Kanu, whose right hand was hacked off by the RUF when he was 11 years old.

Siah Lebby, whose left leg was butchered by the rebels, said the tough sentence sends a strong signal. "After they have seen, they have seen what hap-

Justice

Liberians observe judgement

Taylor is an ex-warlord whose rebel forces invaded Liberia in 1989, marking the start of that country's vicious civil war. He eventually ran and was elected president, before being forced out by another rebel group. In Liberia, which shares a border with Sierra Leone, the irony has always been that Taylor is being tried for crimes he aided and abetted, rather than the ones that he is accused of directly carrying out in his own country.

In the Liberian capital of Monrovia, Suzannah Vaye watched the proceedings and hailed the sentence. Her husband was killed during the last days of Taylor's government in 2003. He was last seen in the hands of the ex-president's security force.

"Today, I join Sierra Leoneans in saying this should be a lesson to people that God has his own way of bringing judgement," Vaye said.

pened, all the people who want to do bad things again will be afraid."

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LEYMAH GBOWEE

Who said sex and politics don't mix? Led by Leymah Gbowee, a young mother, Liberian women went on a sex strike to end the country's brutal civil war. They were successful. Last year Gbowee won a Nobel Peace Prize for her campaign.

USING SEX AS A WEAPON

Leyma Gbowee calls herself an ordinary Liberian mother of six. But without her mass women's movement, Liberia's civil war would still be raging. Gbowee's "peace warriors" have given African women a higher profile, too — and Liberia's president is now a woman. But with the exception of former president Charles Taylor, Liberia's warlords remain free.

Charles Taylor is the first-ever head of state to be convicted by the International Criminal Court. Do you feel vindicated?

When someone has been terrorizing communities, and your community has been violated, of course you're relieved he has been convicted. It doesn't matter that Taylor has been convicted for war crimes he committed in Sierra Leone, not Liberia. We've waited for a long time, so we're happy. There's a sense that justice has finally been served, and that Taylor will pay for his crime.

Are sex strikes an effective strategy to end wars?

They're effective in the sense that they get people's attention. Sex is an exotic thing, and many people would say it's a taboo subject. But when someone dares to bring it to

the attention of the public, it has two results. People start saying, "Who's this person doing this?" and they start asking why the person is using sex to highlight an issue. And it gets men thinking. There are a lot of good men out there! The percentage of men who wage war is very small. Good men outnumber evil men, but why are they silent? Our strategy helps the good men because it gives them a reason to take action.

So it's not the sex strike per se, but the support it gives good men, that makes it an effective strategy?

Yes. Every man is interested in the act of sex. We withheld sex from our spouses to get attention, and our husbands obviously noticed. We said, "We need you to take a

stand." And they did.

How many other alleged Liberian war criminals are there who should also face justice?

That's the biggest debate in Liberia right now. Since Taylor's conviction there has been a lot of discussion about the role former warlords still play in Liberia. In the case of Prince Johnson, people are saying that he, too, should be brought to justice. We need to start the conversation about people's role in the Liberian civil war and what should be done with them.

Prince Johnson has since become a member of parliament in Liberia.

The difference in African politics versus politics in the West is that people tend to

rally around their identity. Liberia is no exception. Some people, including myself, don't want a person who committed some of the worst atrocities in our civil war as a member of parliament, but if you ask the people of his tribe, they see him as a hero.

Madeleine Albright likes to say that the world wouldn't be a better place if women were in charge — it would be like high school all over again. Do you agree?

It would be a much better place than it is now. Are all men bad? No. But I think when it comes to world politics, women bring something uniquely different to the table. Men often have values and principles, but politics tends to override them. Politics isn't a popularity contest; it's about achieving lasting changes. That's what women are good at.

The Nobel Peace Prize can be a blessing — as in the case of Mother Theresa — or a curse. Which has it been for you?
For me it's a gift from God. I come from a very humble background, and I'd never have thought that something like this could come my way. I can never refer to any gift from God as a curse.

ELISABETH BRAW/METRO WORLD NEWS



Former Liberian president Charles Taylor waits for the start of his sentencing judgement in the courtroom of the Special Court for Sierra Leone in Leidschendam, Netherlands, on Wednesday. TOUSSAINT KLIJTERS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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RIM shares in steep decline

Research In Motion.
Analysts take gloomy view of BlackBerry maker following forecast of loss, layoffs

A fresh batch of takeover speculation greeted BlackBerry-maker Research In Motion on Wednesday as analysts weighed in on the company's projected operating loss in the current quarter and its prospects for survival.

Shares of the Waterloo, Ont.-based company tumbled another 6.5 per cent, inching toward becoming a single-digit stock, after a statement from RIM late Tuesday said it hired two outside firms to advise on its troubled business and financial performance.

RIM was down 82 cents to close at \$10.66 on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Chief executive Thorsten Heins said competition is affecting sales of RIM smartphones, and that it would respond by



Three people on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange display their BlackBerry smartphones on Wednesday. Research In Motion Ltd., the maker of the BlackBerry, is now worth one per cent of Apple's market capitalization.
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reining in costs and cutting staff by unspecified numbers throughout the rest of the year.

But analysts are concerned about the speed at which RIM is reeling in expectations ahead of the rollout of the new BlackBerry 10 operating system later this year.

"I think it would be premature to write the company

off, although I do believe BlackBerry 10 has to be a very competitive product for the company to bounce," said Charlie Wolf, an analyst at Needham & Company in New York.

Some analysts have also factored in RIM's dated inventory and restrained sales outlook, and responded by pulling back expectations. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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CP Rail strike

Back-to-work bill speeds through Commons

Back-to-work legislation designed to end a CP Rail strike and get freight moving likely won't pass in the Senate until Thursday at the earliest, despite its overnight passage in the House of Commons.

MPs voted just before 1:30 a.m. Wednesday to pass Bill C-39, ordering 4,800 Canadian Pacific engineers and conductors back to work after a week-long strike. The Conservative Senate leader was accusing the Liberal minority of obstructing Bill C-39's passage. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

EI changes

Mexico wants to expand temporary workers in Canada

Mexico wants to increase its foreign workforce in Canada, despite the Conservative government's new employment insurance rules that aim to fill vacant jobs with unemployed Canadians instead.

Mexican Foreign Secretary Patricia Espinosa pressed for the expansion of the temporary-workers program to sectors other than agriculture during a visit Wednesday to Ottawa. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Retail

FGL Sports plans five-year expansion

Canadian Tire-owned FGL Sports plans an "aggressive" expansion of its most popular banners over the next five years while closing more than 100 underperforming stores operating under various names. The closures affect 115 corporate stores under such banners as Sport Mart, Athletes World and Nevada Bob's Golf. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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I am ... Captain Incredulous! Defender of critical thought, wielder of common sense, saving the world from the Bible Thumper, Flim-Flam! and Dr. Alternative.

To enemies, "Skeptic" translates to closed-minded jerk who wouldn't recognize his spirit guide if it bit him on his chakra.

But we just want evidence. If you claim that God will help me find my apartment keys, or that my aura is the colour of Doritos, then I want questions answered. First and foremost: Do you bang your head often getting into cars?

Sorry. Captain Incredulous takes that back. I'm a poor spokesperson for the Skeptic Squad, as I have the same sense of restraint and tact as a U.S. presidential campaign.

This is my life, my curse. I must confront believers who say, "I feel sorry for you" and work with friends unaware of my secret identity as they compare star signs. The only "knocking on wood" I do is the repeated head-to-desk motion. It's the only way I keep from getting angry. Don't make me angry. You wouldn't like me angry.

Many of you are aligned against me. But maybe you'll understand if you gaze upon some of my exciting adventures:

Captain Incredulous No. 1: The Family!

Trapped for two decades inside a nuclear family that forces him to church every Sunday, our hero discovers his powers when he turns on his captors and says: "Isn't it wrong of me to consume the body of your Lord when to me it's only ice-cream wafer?" Even the Mummy, with her powers of lay ministry, cannot deflect the logic blast. A new hero joins the Skeptic Squad!



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Captain Incredulous No. 7: Magnet Man!

Our hero suffers his first defeat when he meets Magnet Man, bearer of the Magnetic Bracelet. Hearing Magnet Man discuss the bracelet's powers with a bartender, Captain Incredulous forgets his logical weapons and instead blurts out, "Why don't you wear bunny ears?! It would have the same effect!" Captain Incredulous, met with stares and silence, slinks back to his corner of the Beer Cave.

Captain Incredulous No. 21: The Mayor!

The good captain is listening to radio transmissions when he hears his political leader, Toronto Mayor Rob Ford, say, "I like astrology, folks. I follow the stars." Fighting off the overpowering urge to curl up into a ball and die, Captain Incredulous remembers the earlier lesson not to let his emotions defeat him. He decides it's nice that the mayor and many of the lefties who hate him have common ground to work from. I may host a summit.

But until then, what adventures await?

All I know for sure is that the skeptic's life is a difficult one, fraught with awkward family barbecues. It's thankless, but we have an unrelenting belief in mankind: That it will get sillier by the day. No doubt about it.

This jelly's par for the course



GETTY IMAGES

Rooftop-patio golf

Just don't snack after putting

The roof of Selfridge's department store in London has become a jelly-themed golf course thanks to food architects Bompas & Parr. Ahead of the Queen's Jubilee, the nine-hole course features iconic British landmarks including Tower Bridge and Big Ben, all with an edible frosting. **METRO**

Urban oasis



"Adults find it hard to justify going to a theme park. We want to help people find pleasure in the city."

Sam Bompas, food architect.

Selfridge's has a long history of hedonism. In the 1930s the roof featured a golf course, pleasure garden and café. More recently, Bompas & Parr created a green boating lake there last year.

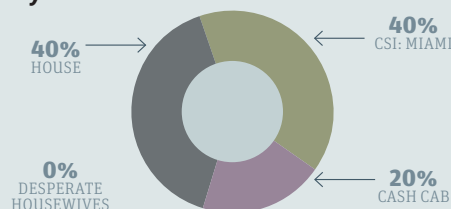
Bompas & Parr

- **Gasp!** One of the duo's first projects was a breathable cocktail made by vaporizing 600 litres of gin and tonic.
- **Rowing on punch:** In 2009, they flooded an 18th-century townhouse with 2,500 litres of Courvoisier punch and had their guests row across.
- **Chocolate climb:** The last creation was a series of climbing walls made out of chocolate.



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Which show ending its long run in 2012 will you miss the most?



Twitter

@DougBrown97:

Ahh rookie camp. That time when all the young pups get their confidence & hopes up until the vets arrive & eviscerate their dreams. < sigh >

@kendalene:

@ChrissyTroy I just finished reading 50 shades of grey last night. Now reading 50 shades darker. And oh my God, I'm lacking sleep.

@MayorShari:

Even sporadic hockey fans like myself will be cheering on local fan fav Bryce Salvador and the NJ Devils in tonight's game! #bdnmb

@zenbecca:

How can "seamless" tights have seams? A valid question, no?

@SiloamMission:

This August, Siloam Mission will hit a bittersweet milestone — serving ppl experiencing homelessness in Winnipeg's inner city for 25 years.

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Scene in brief

Shaw won't pick up Talackova reality show

Shaw Media is stepping back from comments suggesting it plans to air a reality show about transgender beauty queen Jenna Talackova.

Programming boss Barbara Williams said Wednesday morning the broadcaster had picked up a reality show about the leggy Vancouver blond. But later in the afternoon, a Shaw spokeswoman said Williams "misinterpreted" a reporter's question and that such a show "is not part of Lifetime's channel lineup and has not been commissioned by the network." Talackova made headlines around the world when she was initially prohibited from competing in the Miss Universe Canada pageant because she was born a man. Pageant boss Donald Trump ultimately allowed Talackova to compete in the Toronto pageant earlier this month, where she was cut after making the top 12.

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On the web



Men in Black 3 is in the black with \$69.3M debut weekend; Avengers adds \$47.2M



Get your senses ready for Bands vs. Filmmakers II. HANDOUT

Film and band collide to support Cinematheque

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Bands vs. Filmmakers II — tonight at the West End Cultural Centre — sees local musicians and moviemakers

joining forces in support of Cinematheque.

Hosted by Sylvia Kuzyk, the second such event features five of Winnipeg's finest bands: Cannon Bros., Nova, The Magnificent Sevens, This Hisses and SitDownTracy. Each group is paired with a different indie filmmaker including Stephane Ostryk, Danishka Esterhazy, Curtis Wiebe, Scott Fitzpatrick and Rhayne Vermette.

"The Mag 7s have nailed down a possible setlist, six or seven possible songs of which they'll play four, so I'm coming up with four visual pieces that will be projected while they're playing," Wiebe, 36,

says, who in addition to being a filmmaker is also a sculptor, puppeteer and musician.

"From what I've heard, all the pairings do it a little differently.

"Some filmmakers are making a music video, one filmmaker is making a narrative piece that will span the band's whole set and some bands don't even see their filmmaker beforehand."

To tie into The Mag 7's old-time country/bluegrass sound, Wiebe says he's filmed some crazy clogging characters, including a giant robot, doing their best hillbilly tap dance.

In fact, the dynamic of the

Winnipeg arts community isn't unlike that of mountain folk.

"The arts scene in Winnipeg is pretty tight knit," TJ Blair says, 30, who handles guitar, banjo and vocals in The Mag 7s.

"It's a fairly small city so there tends to be a lot of overlap between artists. We're all in this together. We're all having a go at it. It's a small town style crossover."

"Maybe that's what makes Winnipeg art interesting to other places," Wiebe adds, mentioning the recent Winnipeg exhibition at La Maison Rouge art gallery in Paris, France.

"Maybe it's our insular inbred art community that produces something unique."

Speaking unique, that's exactly what the Exchange District independent theatre company offers.

"It's great to be able to support a place like Cinematheque, an alternative in the art form and one I'm going to assume the average Winnipegger doesn't even know about," Blair says.

"It's a place where you can go see a film that's not another brain-rotting Hollywood feature."

Tickets for Bands vs. Filmmakers II are \$25 at the door. Showtime is 8 p.m..

Christian Slater to shoot film in Regina

A Regina film company says actor Christian Slater will star in its new science-fiction thriller *Stranded*.

Officials with Minds Eye Entertainment say the movie is about a mysterious infection that contaminates a space station in the not too distant future. Filming begins July 3 at the Canada Saskatchewan Production Studios in Regina.

Stranded will be directed by Roger Christian, director of the John Travolta movie *Battlefield Earth*. Roger Christian is also a former production designer

who was nominated for an Oscar for *Alien* and won an Academy Award for set direction on the original *Star Wars*.

Christian Slater has acted in dozens of television and film roles since the early 1980s, including hits such as *Robin Hood*, *Prince of Thieves* and *Interview with a Vampire*.

Minds Eye producer Kevin DeWalt said it is fortunate that *Stranded* was in place before the Saskatchewan government decided to cancel its Film Employment Tax Credit.

"It has been difficult raising financing for movies to

be shot in Saskatchewan in the shadow of the current uncertainty surrounding the availability of local filming incentives in Saskatchewan past June 30, 2012," he said in a news release.

"We're fortunate for this one that the wheels were in motion long before this decision came down. Unfortunately on a go-forward basis, this lack of stability and support from the government is chasing away our investors on future projects shot in Saskatchewan."

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Christian Slater is set to star in the new sci-fi film *Stranded*. Filming begins on July 3. GETTY IMAGES

Could Prometheus be true?

Deep space mystery.

Former head of SETI says we may discover alien life in the next two years

MICHELLE CASTILLO

Metro World News

This summer, Earth is under attack. From action films like *Prometheus* and *The Avengers*, to comedies like *Men In Black 3*, aliens are appearing at the multiplex and threatening the fate of humanity.

But, not so fast, says the former director of the Center for SETI Research, Jill Tarter. The American astronomer believes that these films are just — duh — entertainment.

If extraterrestrial beings were to come to our world,

they'd be so technologically advanced that they wouldn't need puny human slaves or our meager food. Plus, there's a giant possibility they wouldn't look like anything we've seen before — or could even think of.

"Whether our imagination is up to the task of really appreciating what nature might do somewhere else remains to be seen," Tarter told Metro World News. "Look at the body plan that evolved. Nature experimented and discarded some and modified other things. There are so many weird things on this planet that we are beginning to appreciate. I think that it might be weirder still from some other environment."

Most of Tarter's career with the non-profit SETI Institute — which stands for the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence — has been dedicated to exam-



Prometheus, directed by Ridley Scott, hits theatres on June 8. HANDOUT

ining the universe for other beings.

Tarter, who recently retired, will be discussing her ideas about the possibility of aliens

alongside real astronauts and Hollywood sci-fi actors at the upcoming SETICon on June 22-24 in Silicon Valley, Calif.

Tarter believes that humans

will discover extra terrestrial life in the next two years. It's a valid question to ponder, especially because for thousands of years, humanity had to rely

on priests and philosophers to tell them the "truth" about the universe. Now thanks to astronomy tools like the Kepler space observatory, we have discovered more than 2,000 extrasolar planet candidates to date. Many of them are similar to our home planet.

"We can almost taste the idea that Earth 2.0 is going to turn up in the near future," she said.

Recently, Tarter has been searching for signs of technology in the universe, using it as a proxy for intelligence. While she and her colleagues haven't found any spaceships or ray guns, Tarter doesn't believe that means we're all alone out there.

The data that shows that there isn't any life is also consistent with the possibility that there is abundant life out there.

"We haven't been searching for very long," she admitted.



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Blake doesn't need anybody's 'approval'

Blake Lively is getting ready to say goodbye to *Gossip Girl*, the show that made her a star.

"I think the best way to describe it is like someone who really enjoyed high school, and it's like I'm a senior and I can't wait for the next thing," she tells *Bullett* magazine. "As an actor who plays a caricature of myself on the show, I don't think I'd say, 'Watch *Gossip Girl* for my best quality of work.' But I am very lucky to have had that experience."

But shouldn't Lively be worried about how her co-workers might take her remarks, especially with work starting on the show's final season this summer?

"I'm not in the business of trying to win the approval of my cast members, my director or my audience," she insists.



Former co-star accuses Fox of beating women



There seems to be no love lost between former *Lost* co-stars Dominic Monaghan and Matthew Fox. When asked by a fan about Fox, who was arrested for driving under the influence earlier this month and was sued for assaulting a bus driver last year, Monaghan

bluntly responded, "He beats women. Not isolated incidents. Often."

When another fan pointed out that Monaghan was making quite a strong accusation, he responded, "An accusation is when you 'claim' someone did something wrong. I know."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Moves like Adam Levine

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Adam Levine is a curious creature. Since Maroon 5 started seeping its comfortable radio rock through the airwaves 10 years ago, the seemingly unremarkable frontman and *Voice* judge has dated his way through intellectual A-listers (Natalie Portman), fluff pop princesses (Jessica Simpson, circa a very respectable 2006) and Victoria's Secret bombshells (Anne Vyalitsyna).

Is he cute and talented in a non-threatening way? Sure. But we have a feeling his sparkling dating resumé

is a result of professional-grade smooth talking, which he whipped out in a new interview with *Details* magazine.

"There's two kinds of men: There are men who are f—g misogynist pigs, and then there are men who just really love women, who think they're the most amazing people in the world. And that's me," Levine tells the magazine.

But he's a rock star, so he's not perfect, of course. As for sleeping around, he muses, "Maybe the reason I was promiscuous, and wanted to sleep with a lot of them, is that I love them so much."

Laugh all you want, but when was the last time you turned off the bubblegum noise that is Moves Like Jagger? Adam Levine is in our heads, ladies.



Prince Harry. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Prince Harry has a job opening

When Prince William sat down with Katie Couric for an interview, he said what recently married Royals in line for the throne are supposed to say: "I'm just very keen to have a family, and both Catherine and I are looking forward to having a family in the future."

But more surprising is what younger brother Harry shared.

"I've longed for kids since I was very, very young," said the prince with a reputation for looking hungover on the polo field. "And so I'm just waiting to find the right person, someone who's willing to take on the job."

Harry, we'd like to introduce you to America, where hot girls are willing to let Donald Trump touch them.

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There's a bird outside my hotel room that sounds like a boiling teapot! I'm so confused! Keep thinking my Tea is ready then am disappointed!



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Peter Sellers was probably the best film comedian ever. He was a complicated man haunted by powerful demons but an absolute comic genius.



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Iris van Herpen: The queen of sculpture

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Metro chats with up-and-coming style star Iris van Herpen about designing, fame and going Gaga

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Metro World News in Italy

She's shy, she doesn't say much, but she does know what she's doing. We meet Iris van Herpen — a 27-year-old Dutch fashion designer — at the IED (Istituto Europeo di Design) in Rome.

Thanks to her organic and visionary creations, she's quickly risen to fame amongst international talents. Iris' hand-made 3D "sculpture-like" dresses can be found in top museums all over the world.

Not bad for a girl who once had a dream of becoming a ballet dancer.

You're labeled "the architect of fashion", who's your inspiration?

I've never heard anyone refer to me using that expression. Indeed, architecture is a source of inspiration for me, but I am first of all a fashion designer. I work a lot with Isaie Bloch (a Belgian architect who focuses on 3D printing), there's a great synergy between us.

What does fashion represent for you?

Fashion expresses my own identity. It's a mix of my tastes, mood and cultural background.

You've worked with Viktor & Rolf and Alexander McQueen, your icon. Any lessons learned?

I learned to be patient when working. I also learned a lot from his staff, having worked with them on a daily basis.

Floating down the runway

"I do not plan much but I keep fantasizing about a zero gravity fashion show."

Iris van Herpen
Fashion designer



Designer Iris van Herpen, left, and a model walk the catwalk at the Iris van Herpen Show during Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Berlin Spring/Summer 2012 GARETH CATTARMOLE/GETTY IMAGES

You've come up with creations for Lady Gaga's and Bjork's performances. What do you think about them?

They're not just singers, they're total artists — two amazing performers. Yet, they are so different.

What do you like about Lady Gaga?

I love that she's completely unpredictable.

And Bjork?

It's hard to express in words but Bjork's music and her way of communicating touches me deep inside.

What do they love about your work?

When I work on a new creation, I focus on finding and conceiving a specific personal identity, something that belongs to the person who is going to wear it. We all have our own individual personality, nothing is fixed nor immutable. Performers such as Lady Gaga and Bjork also rely on dresses — such as the designs that I produce — in order to express all aspects of their personality to the audience.

You are only 27, but you're already incredibly successful. How do you cope with all this at your age?

Everything goes so fast and I am trying to live it all day by day.

Have you always had a clear mind-set, in terms of your goals and ambitions for the future?

No, when I was a kid I wanted to be a ballet dancer. Dance inspired me for a while but at some time — I can't recall when it happened — fashion became my greatest passion.

Any projects in the pipeline?

I do not plan much but I keep fantasizing about a zero gravity fashion show.



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Lady Gaga in Iris Van Herpen.
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LIFE

Fashion Flash

Oh C-Ann-ada!

Ann Taylor is heading north of the border as the retail chain opens its first international locations outside the U.S. The New-York-based retailer announced on Thursday it will open two locations in Toronto this fall. With 274 stores across the U.S., the company says its expansion into Canada marks the first step in growing the brand's global presence. "We are pleased by the strong awareness Ann Taylor already enjoys in Canada and look forward to offering our Canadian customers great fashion, quality and value in a new, exciting and aspirational shopping environment," brand president Brian Lynch said in a release. Michelle Obama, Angelina Jolie and Canada's Rachel McAdams are among the famous faces who have been seen sporting items from the brand.

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On the Web



Designers in 1st Soweto Fashion Week inspired by South African township's creativity, history



Prada, Dolce & Gabbana, Nina Ricci, Rihanna, Dree Hemingway and Selena Gomez

Bare your belly

Time to start on those crunches — and not just for the beach. The spring runways were full of exposed midriffs. Here's how to pull them off.

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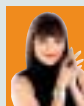
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@Jeanne_Beker: What do YOU think of Queen Elizabeth's sense of style?

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She has a great sense of style. I say, conservative chic!

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Classic and dignified.

@Jeanne_Beker: And what about the Queen's hats? Love the consistent style statement. Would YOU wear a hat?

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YES! Would love a reason to!

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been obsessed with the Royals forever – even wore a fascinator to my bro's wedding – designed by David Dunkley (KC Hats) in T.O.



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A match made in style heaven

I do! Richard Nicoll and Topshop enter virgin territory with their debut bridal collection

RICHARD PECKETT

Metro World News in London

Here comes the high-street bride as designer Richard Nicoll lifts the veil on his Topshop collection.

"I wanted to offer a younger, cooler alternative to meringue culture," says Nicoll of his first foray into bridal wear.

The feminine collection, available on June 22, consists of seven pieces from short slips to full-length, blush pink-styles in lace and silk.

The question is: How many brides really want to go down the aisle in a piece of modestly priced (\$190 to \$700) high street clothing? There's the rub.

However, we are never-

Cool intentions

"I wanted to offer a younger, cooler alternative to meringue culture."

Richard Nicoll
Topshop



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theless in a recession and the London-born designer's "Blushing Brides" breezy, capsule collection could easily work for bridesmaids or as cocktail dresses.

Cute, yes, but the collaboration doesn't mark a change in career track for Nicoll, who's been dubbed King of the Blouse

thanks to his reworking of classic shirting with touches such as peplums, stripes or dots.

The designer candidly told Vogue.co.uk: "Of course I'm happy to make them on request but I'm not the new Vera Wang, no!"



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Every year, hundreds of new tabletop trends make a splash when the doors at 41 Madison Avenue are thrown open for New York City's Tabletop Week.

This special week allows design trade, store buyers and the media to scour this trade-only building that houses the best of the best and everything to do with tabletop and entertaining products.

Hundreds of manufacturers host parties and events to entice the trade into their fantasy land of table fashion showrooms. Some of the

Presentation is everything

"There are no rules in putting a beautiful table together or mixing metals these days. I am a big believer that food presented well makes for a more joyous event."

Fashion designer Monique Lhuillier



Soft platinum roses drawn on white china will be a tabletop tradition for years to come. Monique Lhuillier's Sunday Rose, \$155/five-piece setting WATERFORDWEDGWOOD.CA

tabletop trends shown are short-lived (remember black octagonal glass dishes from the '80s and over-glazed pottery from the '70s?). Only a few live on to become tabletop classics.

One of the most elegant introductions this season was from the manufacturer

Waterford, who has employed Monique Lhuillier (fashion designer to Hollywood icons like Katie Holmes and Angelina Jolie) to design a tabletop collection reminiscent of a dress she designed called Sunday Rose.

What sets Lhuillier's collection apart from other fashion designers that create collections for the tabletop is that she draws her inspiration from classic elements of her designs and not the trend elements that could be short-lived on a dinner table.

Her tabletop collection called Sunday Rose (after her



Lhuillier's Sunday Rose dress inspired her entire tabletop collection. MONIQUELHULLIER.COM

iconic dress) is positioned to be a classic for years to come as it incorporates clean lines and modern etchings mixed with the tradition of white china and platinum roses.

Could this replace Royal Albert's Old Country Roses (a bestseller for over 30 years) as a long-time classic china pattern? I think entertaining and fashion critiques alike would agree they'd be happy to dine with Sunday Rose for a very long time.

From bridal to table

A chat with Monique Lhuillier

The Sunday Rose Collection was inspired by one of your iconic dress designs; what inspired the dress?

My bridal collections celebrate romance and femininity with a modern twist.... I took my inspiration from a classic rose flower. I cut silk organza fabric and formed abstract flowers to create a bed of roses effect in the skirt. The textures felt so lush and beautiful and the dress was a runaway success.

What accent colour would you team with your classic white/platinum china collection?

I would accentuate it with blush pink; it's the colour of the moment. I would infuse the blush colour in an accent plate, add blush pink peonies to the floral centrepiece and a add blush linen napkin....Voilà! Colour!

With the popularity of gold

tones emerging in home decor would it be wrong to mix gold and silver accents together?

I would add gold accents on flatware and the table decor like salt and pepper accents, place card holders... There are no rules in putting a beautiful table together or mixing metals these days. I am a big believer that food presented well makes for a more joyous event.



Fashion and product designer Monique Lhuillier. CONTRIBUTED

Do fitted sheets have you in a bit of a twist?



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Last month, a reader of my column asked me for advice about how to avoid getting laundry stuck within her fitted sheets in the dryer.

To be honest, I really didn't know the answer to the question, so in my column I asked the question to my readers and got back

some wonderful suggestions that I would like to share with you.

1. Christine wrote what I thought at first was the most obvious answer. "Dry the sheets separately from your clothing. I don't wash and dry my clothes and bed sheets together."

This makes total sense to me and this is the method I use at home. Just for fun, this was the most popular answer!

2. Bev from Toronto

wrote, "Try safety pinning the corners together and then the subsequent four sides, to make a sort of balloon shape. This still allows the sheet to dry, but avoids the annoying problem. Of course large safety pins will be needed, which are available in some dollar stores and most sewing notions outlets."

I love this idea as well, but still think this is too much work and would much rather option #1.

3. Patsy wrote what I think is a truly fabulous suggestion, "If you include small item clothes such as socks and briefs, put them in a mesh laundry bag."

This is such a great idea; I think I am going to put this as a footnote for our laundry class at the Charles MacPherson Academy for Butlers and Household Managers!

Finally I spoke with Bonnie Aprile who is the executive housekeeping teacher

at our butler school. She said that sheets and clothing should never be washed and/or dried together as their different sizes and fabric weights dry at different rates.

Thus the rule of thumb is like fabrics and like clothing size should be dried together, so that you do not over/under dry particular pieces.

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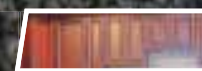
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There's more to pomegranates than health drinks and fancy cocktails

Are you over the pomegranate trend yet?

If so, you might want to revisit it once more. This time it's pomegranate molasses, a thick, syrupy concentrate that is sweet and tart and as delicious as it sounds.

If you take the unsweetened juice and boil it down until it is thick and syrupy, you have pomegranate molasses, a popular flavouring in Middle Eastern cooking. Pomegranate molasses once was unheard of outside of ethnic markets, but today can be found in the international aisle of most larger grocers.

And if you can't find it, it's easy enough to make. Buy a bottle of pomegranate juice (or juice concentrate), then boil it until it has reduced and become thick.

The thick, deep-red syrup has an intensely sweet-tart flavour that pairs surprisingly well with savoury dishes, especially grilled meats. Pomegranate molasses and walnuts are a classic flavouring for poultry.

Opened bottles can be refrigerated for long per-

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp pomegranate molasses
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 2 15-oz cans chickpeas, drained
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp lemon juice
- Ground black pepper
- 4 cups arugula
- 2 cups baby spinach
- Kosher salt
- 4-oz log soft goat cheese

iods. But it's not likely to sit around for long. You don't need to love Middle Eastern food to love what pomegranate molasses can do for the foods you already love.

1. Heat the oven to 450 F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the pomegranate molasses, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Add the drained chickpeas and toss to coat

Roasted Pomegranate Chickpea Salad



This recipe serves four. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

evenly. Arrange the chickpeas in an even layer on the prepared baking sheet. Roast for 15 minutes, or until the chickpeas are dried and starting to get crunchy. Remove the chickpeas from the oven

and set aside to cool.

3. Meanwhile, in a large bowl whisk together olive oil and lemon juice. Season with pepper, then add the arugula and spinach. Toss to coat.

4. Divide the greens between four serving plates, then sprinkle each with kosher salt. Divide the chickpeas between the salads, then top with crumbled goat cheese.

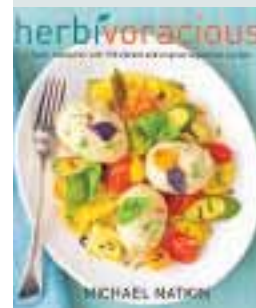
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Book review

Recipes for the savvy herbivore

Michael Natkin's *Herbivorous* and its 150 recipes usher in a new generation of meatless cooking. With 80 colour photos, Natkin illustrates how vegetarian food can be intensely flavoured in a way that will appeal to readers with a sophisticated and adventurous global palate.

The author provides advice on how to craft vegetarian meals that deliver nutrients and complementary flavours. Among the recipes are: Portobello and Summer Squash Lasagna, Jamaican Rice and Peas, and Chocolate Chunk Bread Pudding. METRO



A sweet place for a little shade

DIY ideas. They're perfect for lazy afternoons with books, summer meals on hot nights or first kisses — install your own gazebo

On DIY Network's *Yardcore*, fraternal landscape professionals Jake and Joel Moss are ready to set up homeowners with the yard of a lifetime.

One attractive and useful outdoor structure Jake and

Joel may consider installing is a gazebo — perfect for outdoor dining and entertaining.

Assemble your materials

Gazebo kits are available at home improvement stores and can make this outdoor DIY project much easier. There are many different sizes and styles to choose from so be sure to compare options to determine what works best for you and your yard.

The manufacturer's instructions are included in the gazebo kit and many styles will come with their own flooring.

However, if you select a gazebo kit without flooring, buy some pressure-treated wood including posts and cedar planks. A naturally weather-resistant wood such as cedar is both functional and attractive.

Laying the groundwork

Using the landscape marking paint, mark the desired position of the gazebo posts. If you're building the deck-flooring yourself, begin by using the posthole auger to dig holes for the posts, about 30 inches into the ground. Next, place the posts into the ground and

fill the holes with quick-setting concrete mix and water to hold them steady. Install the deck frame by connecting the posts with the cedar planks using the decking screws.

Assemble the gazebo

Once the deck flooring is complete, assemble the gazebo and attach it to the flooring. Now that the gazebo is built, secure it to the floor boards with screws. Bring out a table and chairs and begin enjoying your outdoor entertaining haven!

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NHL

Lidstrom to announce if he'll retire or return

Nicklas Lidstrom has made a decision about his future.

The 42-year-old Lidstrom will announce Thursday whether he's retiring or returning to play a 21st season with the Detroit Red Wings.

The four-time Stanley Cup champion and seven-time Norris Trophy winner put retirement on hold in each of the previous two years by signing one-year contracts and answering questions from reporters on a conference call. This time, he's holding a news conference at Joe Louis Arena.

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Nicklas Lidstrom
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NFL

NFL decides to keep Pro Bowl

After a promise from players that the game will be competitive, the NFL will hold the Pro Bowl in Honolulu next Jan. 27, a week before the Super Bowl.

Commissioner Roger Goodell had made it clear cancelling the all-star game was a possibility after the uninspired play of this year's 59-41 AFC victory. Following discussions between the league and the players' union, the NFL announced Wednesday that Aloha Stadium would host the Pro Bowl for the third straight year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Martin Brodeur, left, and Jonathan Quick stretch prior to Game 1 of the Stanley Cup final Wednesday in Newark, N.J. The Kings won Game 1 in overtime 2-1 on a goal from Anze Kopitar. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Cup final GMs share special bond

NHL. Devils' Lamoriello and Kings' Lombardi and maintain mentor-protégé relationship

They are like the generals of the Stanley Cup, watching their armies go into battle.

But rival general managers Dean Lombardi and Lou Lamoriello have a special bond.

Lombardi, now president and general manager of the Los Angeles Kings, reached out to New Jersey's Lamoriello for advice after being named general manager of the struggling San Jose Sharks in 1996.

"I remember that day like it was yesterday," recalled Lombardi. "I make no bones about

Quoted

"I don't have any advice to anyone other than surround yourself with the best possible people you can get." Lou Lamoriello, general manager of the New Jersey Devils, who says he would open his door to any new GM.

it. I'll never forget it."

Lombardi, who acknowledged he was "pretty scared" in taking over the Sharks, spent three hours with Lamoriello, who opened up about his organizational chart and values.

"Not one iota about the team," Lombardi recalled. "It was all about infrastructure and establishing a culture."

Lamoriello, who missed his ride home to allow their meeting to go longer, even gave Lombardi a collection of quotes

to refer to during tough times.

"I've still got it," Lombardi said.

The quotes were all about "believing in yourself and doing things right as opposed to what perception says," said Lombardi, who, in deference to Lamoriello, declined to be more specific.

The 54-year-old Los Angeles GM says the meeting with Lamoriello was a key moment in his career.

Lombardi joined the Kings

in April 2006 after 13 seasons in San Jose, including seven as general manager, and a stint scouting with the Philadelphia Flyers.

He says Lamoriello, a fellow New England native, remains a mentor.

The 69-year-old Lamoriello, is in his 23rd NHL season as the Devils president, CEO and general manager.

"He's done it throughout my career. I don't know, it's like having a godfather. He sees you're going through a little thing and boom, here comes the call." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Go to metronews.ca/sports for coverage of Game 1 of the Stanley Cup final.

Bettman says NHL labour talks to start soon



NHL commissioner Gary Bettman at a news conference Wednesday in Newark, N.J. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Commissioner Gary Bettman says the NHL is close to beginning labour talks with the NHL Players' Association.

"The goal obviously is to reach a collective bargaining agreement that can take the game and the business to even higher levels than have been reached over the past seven seasons," Bettman told a news conference Wednesday evening.

"I understand the union is now prepared to begin talks and we are in the process of trying to set up dates," he added. "It remains my hope that constructive negotiations can begin soon and culminate

Revenue and attendance

Bettman said the league garnered a record \$3.3 billion US in revenue and played to some 21.5-million fans during the regular season.

quickly so that attention can remain where it belongs and where everybody wants it to remain — and that is on the game."

Bettman said he expects "in the next few weeks" they will begin to "set the table of what we each might want to be talking about."

He dismissed speculation that the talks may not prevent a labour dispute — noting the process hasn't even started yet.

Bettman also said he believes the league's department of player safety, headed by Brendan Shanahan, "does appear to be working."

While not citing exact figures, the commissioner says the league experienced a "modest decline" in concussions during the 2011-12 regular season and playoffs.

"The first time in three years that this figure has declined," he said.

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SPORTS

Baseball

Gokeyes pull off comeback victory

On a beautiful night in downtown Winnipeg, the Gokeyes gave up four runs in a disastrous first inning but were once again able to mount a comeback, ultimately winning 7-6 over the Amarillo Sox in front of 6,434 at Shaw Park. DAVE BAXTER/FOR METRO

On the web



The European Championship gets underway next week and UEFA officials are trumpeting it as "a true celebration of football in a festive environment." But there's still a troubling undercurrent of human-rights issues in host countries Poland and Ukraine. Scan the code for the story.

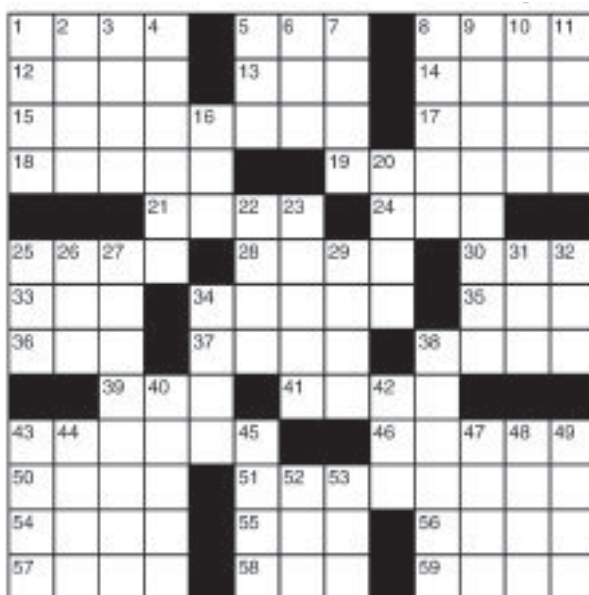
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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	6	8	4	3	2	7	9	1
2	7	9	5	6	1	4	3	8
4	1	3	8	7	9	6	5	2
6	5	4	2	8	7	9	1	3
9	2	7	1	5	3	8	4	6
8	3	1	9	4	6	5	2	7
7	9	6	3	1	4	2	8	5
3	4	5	6	2	8	1	7	9
1	8	2	7	9	5	3	6	4

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

MA OI. ALCHV HWZMBWB
DL XWZLOW Y QWD EMULD.
M FRWII PLR OMFJD IVP
IJW'B XW V EUVCW QVCW
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINCE I WAS LEGALLY
ORDERED TO KEEP DRY, I AM TAKING PART IN A
WETNESS PROTECTION PROGRAM.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals S



For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

Someone you meet on your travels will tell you something interesting. It may sound a bit harsh but you know the truth when you hear it, so listen, learn and then act.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

What happens today will awaken your sense of injustice and compel you to take action.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

Don't worry about other people's feelings: if you have something to say then you must come out with it right away.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Sometimes conflict is inevitable and that is the way of things now.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

With mind planet Mercury strongly aspected you won't doubt for a moment that you are doing the right thing.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

You won't be shy about letting the world know what you think today.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

Cosmic activity in one of the more dynamic areas of your chart, which endows you with no small amount of courage, so don't sit there and take criticism that isn't warranted — go on the offensive.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. If you want something done you can, of course, do it yourself, but you can

just as easily persuade others to do the work for you.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

Trust your instincts today and follow them wherever they might lead.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

It's all about attitude: if you believe you can reach your goal you will find a way.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

The best way to avoid trouble is to think before you act — but how likely is that when you feel so adventurous?

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

You may not take kindly to others telling you how to do things but if you are smart you will listen.

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Weather

TODAY



MAX: 22°
MIN: 7°

FRIDAY

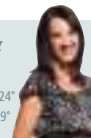


MAX: 20°
MIN: 10°

SATURDAY



MAX: 24°
MIN: 9°

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